School Advisory Council Minutes

November 16, 2023

Prospect Road Elementary School

Discussion Items	Time: 6:04 In Attendance: Shirley Beth, Jeanine, Ashley, Malena, Kattie, Cara Regrets: Kelly, Jessica, Emily
Call to order	
Approval of agenda	Approved by: Ashley Seconded by: Shirley Beth
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Approved by: Kara Seconded by: Kattie
Business arising from the meeting minutes	 Organize well-being workshops for students- looking to partner with IWK and school psychologist Consider a parent night on how to support students as a team. Idea from AMTB- movie night for kids and parents can go to info sessions: School psychologist, schools plus, school counsellor, school social worker, staff, HRCE?- rotating sessions- every 15 minutes and later some one on one and question periods. Looking to take place in January.
School Events	 Special Events Committee Update- meeting next week. \$43 at bottle depot at this point- email to go out to the community shortly to explain that an account is there. First fundraiser is underway (Recipe in a Jar) Currently collecting donations for bingo is underway. Will talk about Spring Fling soon as well- Kim will look at ensuring school is booked off. Committee is looking at costs to see if it is feasible.

Student Success Plan Update / Principal's Report	 Restorative Practice PD attended by some of our teachers- Andrea Laurie- safe schools HRCE-Restorative and Trauma informed practice- knowing your students well and how to repair relationships for the future. Restore relationship with offender and victim.
	Looking at creating a school culture statement.
	Building classroom community and relationships safe spaces are now being created in each room with support from school counsellor.
	Getting all staff on same page for using "I" statements.
	Went over core targets of trauma informed practice.
	Staff came out feeling great about it.
	 Equity Team Training for some of our staff- RCH-Otis Daye came to PRES. Spoke about behaviour tracking of students. Not about tracking students, it's about recording behaviours. Knowing the behaviours provides the space to guide change.
	Looked at discriminatory behaviour, racist behaviour, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment.
	Otis is coming back in January- Working with 12 staff members. Training is taking place for staff. Staff will prepare for the equity blitz to build capacity in the building.
New Business	Bridge between PRCC and PRES - repair update- no update at this time. Concerns brought forward about the safety of this continuing to be used. Especially as this is a drop off path and PRCC before and after school care, it is concerning. Kim will look into asap.
Special Reports and/or Presentations	N/A
Policy Input	
SAC Grant Spending	The SAC Grant is \$5000 per school plus \$1 per student (Sept 30 enrolment. Principals have been asked to track grant spending decisions in SchoolCash under SAC Grant. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2024.
	Decision made that 20% will go towards the students rather than SAC operations.
	Some ideas at the school for spending:

	Handwriting without tears- P and this year 6 grade 1s identified in need- \$1197- Vote go ahead UFLI- 6 manuals- \$100/manual 630 total- vote- all yes for those here 500- Math supplies- P-5 kids for math fluency- all vote yes
	PM online subscription \$1129- yes but going forward for next year, look at it beforehand and compare alternatives such as Raz Kids.
	Email to go out for those members not here to ensure that their votes are heard.
	TILT offers subscriptions to Raz kids- It is a free online option. Perhaps have a lunch and learn for staff to show for next year- decodables and lessons provided.
	Next year- discuss more before going ahead with purchase of Handwriting without tears as UFLI has components that could be used.
	Voting procedures- 24 hours turn around after vote should those feel pressured will add to the bylaws
Additional Agenda Items Added:	Halloween Dance- include snacks in with the ticket rather than separate.
	Purchase a square for in the moment purchases- canteen for example. (Could be used at upcoming Bingo)- Squares are \$66- Kim will check to see if school can use one. People who buy beforehand buy less so worth the investment.
	Discussion on school photos- more background options, clearer instructions on ordering online.
Next Meeting	January 11th
Adjournment	6:58